

Columbus, GA. - Today, ConAgra Foods. Inc. announced that it will renovate and install new state-of-the-art equipment before it reopens the Sylvester, GA facility where its recalled peanut butter products were produced. Additionally, it has created a new executive position, Vice President of Global Foods Safety, to bring additional focus and leadership to the area of product safety and design. This follows a two month investigation by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention which showed a possible link between ConAgra Foods' peanut butter and a nationwide salmonella outbreak. Congressman Sanford Bishop, representative from Georgia's Second Congressional District which includes Sylvester, issued a statement following the announcement:

"Ever since this issue came to light, ConAgra has acted in the best interest of both the public health as well as the 200 employees who work at the Sylvester plant. Today's announcement further exemplifies how well they have responded to this crisis and I am so pleased that the Sylvester facility will remain in operation, and benefit from some significant improvements. I am proud to have ConAgra in my district and I look forward to visiting the plant soon after the renovations are completed."